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prehensive work on the oölogy of North America there is incorporated in the text the latest information as to the life history, the migratory and breeding ranges, and the food of each species. The classification given in the Code and Check List of the American Ornithologists' Union has been followed.

The illustrations comprise 12 chromolithographic plates, reproduced from water-color drawings of eggs belonging to the collections in the U. S. Natl. Museum.

The long residence of Capt. Bendire in the far west, has given him exceptional opportunities for observing the habits of the birds. He describes them in a most interesting manner, and he weaves into his narratives some glimpses of military life, and frontier adventure, which add an especial flavor to the book.

**Geology of the Coastal Plain of Alabama.**<sup>3</sup>—Under this title Mr. E. A. Smith presents a report which embodies the results of a thorough study of the Cenozoic formations of the Coastal Plain of Alabama. Part I is substantially a republication of Bull. 43 U. S. Geol. Surv. with some additions and slight alterations, followed by a full report by D. W. Langdon of the variations of the Eocene and Cretaceous formations in the territory between the Alabama and Chattahoochee rivers, together with an account of his discoveries of the Marine Miocene formations at Chattahoochee and Alum Bluff in Florida. Part II deals with the various phosphatic marls, green sands, etc., occurring in this part of the state. Part III, includes county descriptions in detail.

The series of Marine Eocene and Cretaceous formations is exposed along the Alabama rivers more fully than anywhere else in the Eastern States, and the scale here illustrated will serve as a standard for other regions.

**Thirteenth Annual Report of the U. S. Geological Survey for 1891-'92. Part II.**<sup>4</sup>—The report of the Director for 1891-'92 is published in three parts, of which Part II is devoted to Geology and comprises the following papers: Second Expedition to Mt. St. Elias including an account of the Malaspina Glacier, by Israel Cook Russell; The Geological History of Harbors, by N. S. Shaler; The Mechanics

<sup>3</sup> Report on the Geology of the Coastal Plain of Alabama by E. A. Smith, L. C. Johnson and D. W. Langdon, Jr. With Contributions to its Paleontology by T. H. Aldrich and K. M. Cunningham. Montgomery, Alabama, 1894.

<sup>4</sup> Thirteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1891-'92, Pt. II, Geology; Pt. III, Irrigation. By J. W. Powell. Washington, 1893.